

60, 70, 80, 90

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DEATH TAPE FILE DOCUMENTATION

FIELD NO.	RECORD POSITION(S)	NO. OF BYTES	ALPHA/ NUMERIC	FIELD NAME AND DESCRIPTION
✓ 1.	1-6	6	N	STATE FILE NUMBER
✓ 2.	7-11	5	N	LOCAL REGISTRAR'S NUMBER
✓ 3.	12-41	30	A	NAME OF DECEDENT
1970-1978 LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL FORMAT: LLLL, FFF, I (NO FIXED FIELDS)				
	12-29	18	A	***1960-69 and 1979-90*** LAST NAME OF DECEDENT
	30	1	A	","
	31-39	9	A	FIRST NAME OF DECEDENT
	40	1	A	"," (BLANK = MISSING)
	41	1	A	MIDDLE INITIAL OF DECEDENT
✓ 4.	42	1	A	TRUNCATION INDICATOR ** IF LAST AND/OR FIRST NAME HAS BEEN TRUNCATED, OTHERWISE BLANK
✓ 5.	43-51	9	A	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER-BLANK PRIOR TO 1966
POD ✓ 6.	52-57	6	N	DATE OF DEATH (YYMMDD)
	52-53			YY - YEAR CODE 60-90
	54-55			MM - MONTH CODES 01-12 (JAN-DEC)
	56-57			DD - DAY CODES 01-31

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AGE	7.	58-60	3	A N	AGE OF DECEDENT (CUU)
		58			C - AGE GROUP: 0 - 100 YEARS OR MORE 1 - 1-99 YEARS 2 - 1-11 MONTHS 3 - 1-27 DAYS 4 - 1-23 HOURS 5 - 1-59 MINUTES 6 - AGE NOT STATED
		59-60			UU - UNITS WITHIN ABOVE AGE GROUPS
RACE	8.	61	1	N	RACE OF DECEDENT
					1 - WHITE 2 - BLACK 3 - ALASKAN/AMERICAN INDIAN 4 - CHINESE 5 - JAPANESE 6 - FILIPINO 7 - ALL OTHER 8 - UNKNOWN/NOT STATED
GENDER	9.	62	1	A N	SEX OF DECEDENT
					1 - MALE, 2 - FEMALE BLANK - UNDETERMINED SEX
BIRTHPL	10.	63-66	4	A	BIRTHPLACE OF DECEDENT
					SEE STATE AND COUNTRY CODES
BIRTHDT	11.	67-73	7	A	BIRTHDATE (CYMMDD)
		67			C - CENTURY CODE 8 OR 9, ANYTHING ELSE IS IN ERROR.
		68-69			YY - YEAR CODE
		70-71			MM - MONTH CODES 01-12 (JAN-DEC)
		72-73			DD - DAY CODES 01-31 BLANK PRIOR TO 1966

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RESIDE ✓ 12.	74-77	4	N/A	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
	74-75			CITY - SEE CITY CODES
	76-77			COUNTY - SEE COUNTY CODES
DEATHLOC ✓ 13.	78-81	4	N/A	PLACE OF DEATH
	78-79			CITY - SEE CITY CODES
	80-81			COUNTY - SEE COUNTY CODES
MARITAL ✓ 14.	82	1	N	MARITAL STATUS
				1 - MARRIED
				2 - SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED
				3 - ANNULLED
				4 - DIVORCED
				5 - WIDOWED
				9 - UNKNOWN/NOTSTATED
AUTOPSY ✓ 15.	83	1	N	AUTOPSY
				1 - NO AUTOPSY
				2 - AUTOPSY, RESULTS USED
				3 - AUTOPSY, RESULTS NOT USED
				4 - AUTOPSY, UNKNOWN IF RESULTS USED
				5 - UNKNOWN, IF AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED
				ONLY CODES 1,4 AND 5 USED AFTER 1977
FACILITY 16.	84	1	N	TYPE OF FACILITY-BLANK PRIOR TO 1962
				1 - STATE LICENSED, GENERAL, EXCEPT COUNTY
				2 - STATE LICENSED, GENERAL, COUNTY
				3 - STATE MENTAL
				4 - ALL OTHER FACILITIES IDENTIFIED BY NAME
				5 - ALL OTHER FACILITIES
				6 - DEAD ON ARRIVAL
				7 - DEATH NOT IN FACILITY OR UNKNOWN
				1989-1990
				8 - HOME
				9 - NOT A CALIFORNIA FACILITY

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✓17. 85 1 N TYPE OF CERTIFIER

1960-1973

- 1 - CORONER 3 - D.C.
- 2 - M.D. OR D.O. 4 - UNKNOWN/OTHER

1974-1990

- 1 - CORONER 4 - MILITARY CERTIFIER
- 2 - M.D. OR D.O. 5 - UNKNOWN/OTHER
- 3 - D.C.

DEATH

18. 86 1 N DEATH INDICATOR-BLANK PRIOR TO 1975

- 0 - WITH MENTION OF DIABETES
- 1 - WITH MENTION OF LUNG DISEASE
- 2 - COMBINATION OF LUNG DISEASE AND DIABETES
- 3 - COMBINATION OF LUNG DISEASE AND CANCER
- 4 - COMBINATION OF LUNG DISEASE, DIABETES, AND CANCER
- 5 - AIDS
- 6 - WITH MENTION OF CANCER
- 7 - SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME
- 8 - AIDS AND CANCER
- 9 - COMBINATION OF DIABETES AND CANCER
- BLANK - NOT CODED TO ANY DEATH INDICATOR

heart disease

DEATH LOC

19. 87 1 XN PLACE OF INJURY-BLANK PRIOR TO 1968

1969-1985

- 1 - HOME 6 - STREET
- 2 - FARM 7 - OFFICE BUILDING
- 3 - FACTORY 8 - OTHER SPECIFIED
- 4 - FREEWAY 9 - UNKNOWN
- 5 - HIGHWAY BLANK - NO INJURY INVOLVED

work →

4, 5, 6

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70-80

1986-1990

- 0 - HOME 5 - STREET AND HIGHWAY
- 1 - FARM 6 - PUBLIC BUILDING
- 2 - MINE/ QUARRY 7 - RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTION
- 3 - INDUSTRIAL 8 - OTHER SPECIFIED PLACES
- 4 - RECREATION/SPORT 9 - NOT SPECIFIED
- BLANK - NO INJURY INVOLVED

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*Sex, age,
race, cause of
death
county of*

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INJURY WK

20.	88	1	N	INJURY AT WORK-BLANK PRIOR TO 1968

		1968-1977		***1978-1990***
		1 - YES		1 - YES
		2 - NO		2 - NO
		3 - UNKNOWN		9 - UNKNOWN

INJURY DT

21.	89-94	6	A	DATE OF INJURY

		89-90		YEAR
		91-92		MONTH
		93-94		DAY
BLANK - NO INJURY INVOLVED				

22.	95-97	3	A	***1968-1977 ONLY*** MILES FROM RESIDENCE

000-999, BLANK IF NO INJURY INVOLVED				

23.	98	1	N	***1968-1977 ONLY*** DRUG TEST

		1 - YES		2 - NO OR UNKNOWN

24.	99	1	N	***1968-1977 ONLY*** ALCOHOL TEST

		1 - YES		2 - NO OR UNKNOWN

✓ 25.	100-102	3	A	*** DAYS BETWEEN INJURY AND DEATH

000-999, BLANK IF NO INJURY INVOLVED				

ICD

✓ 26.	103-106	4	A	CAUSE OF DEATH-INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES

		7TH REVISION PRIOR TO 1969		
		8TH REVISION 1969-1978		
		9TH REVISION 1979-1990		

ICD codes
390-398
402-404-429
960-969

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NOTE: 4TH DIGIT OF ICD CODE MAY BE A DASH "--"

DEATHGRP 27. 107-108 2 N GROUP CAUSE OF DEATH

SEE GROUP CAUSE CODES

28. 109-125 17 - THESE POSITIONS NOT USED PRIOR TO 1978

RACEREV 28A. 109 1 N ***1978-1990 ONLY***
RACE OF DECEDENT

1 - WHITE
2 - BLACK
3 - AMERICAN INDIAN
4 - ASIAN
5 - OTHER
9 - UNKNOWN/NOT STATED

ETHNIC 28B. 110-111 2 N ETHNICITY OF DECEDENT

01 - OTHER
02 - MEXICAN/AMERICAN
03 - CHINESE
04 - JAPANESE
05 - FILIPINO
06 - HAWAIIAN
07 - VIETNAMESE
08 - OTHER SPANISH/HISPANIC-ADDED IN 1980
09 - UNKNOWN/NOT STATED

✓ 28C. 112 1 N DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER

1 - YES 2 - NO 9 - UNKNOWN

✓ 28D. 113 1 N BIOPSY PERFORMED

1 - YES 2 - NO 9 - UNKNOWN

OPDTH ✓ 28E. 114 1 N OPERATION PERFORMED PRIOR TO DEATH

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1 - YES 2 - NO 9 - UNKNOWN

28F.	115-120	6	A	COUNTY CENSUS TRACT
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CONTACT INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES FOR
CENSUS TRACT CODING SCHEMES

28G.	121-122	2	N	***1985-1990 ONLY*** RACE/ETHNICITY OF DECEDENT
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10 - WHITE	51 - OTHER-SPECIFIED
20 - BLACK	52 - INDIAN (EXCLUDES AMERICAN INDIAN, ALEUT & ESKIMO)
30 - AMERICAN INDIAN	53 - FILIPINO
40 - ASIAN-UNSPECIFIED	54 - HAWAIIAN
41 - ASIAN-SPECIFIED (LAOS)	55 - GUAMANIAN
42 - ASIAN-CHINESE	56 - SAMOAN
43 - ASIAN-JAPANESE	57 - ESKIMO
44 - ASIAN-KOREAN	58 - ALEUT
45 - ASIAN-VIETNAMESE	59 - PACIFIC ISLANDER (EXCL. HAWAIIAN, GUAMANIAN, SAMOAN)
46 - ASIAN-CAMBODIAN	98 - REFUSED TO STATE
47 - ASIAN-THAI	99 - UNKNOWN-BLANK
48 - ASIAN-LAOTIAN (1990-)	

28H.	123	1	N	SPANISH ORIGIN CODE OF DECEDENT
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1 - NO (NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC)
2 - MEXICAN/MEXICAN-AMERICAN/CHICANO
3 - PUERTO RICAN
4 - CUBAN
5 - CENTRAL/SO. AMERICAN
6 - OTHER SPANISH/HISPANIC (BORN OUTSIDE U.S.)
8 - OTHER SPANISH/HISPANIC (BORN IN THE U.S.)
9 - UNKNOWN OR UNREPORTED

28I.	124-125	2	-	BLANK
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